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JUDGE

The Newsweek article prompted Mr. Walker to write a very supportive letter. He indicated that you did an outstanding job of being open and spelling out the issues with which the Agency is currently confronted. He continues that because of your stature, reputation, and leadership, the legitimacy and integrity of the CIA cannot but be helped, and hopefully, reestablished in the mind of the country.

Mr. Walker thought the article on Russ Bruemmer reflects the real "humaneness" that you have and which many in the government, after a time, too often lose.

I suggest you sign the attached response.

Bill Baker

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Mr. Robert E. L. Walker  
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Los Angeles, California 90071

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your encouraging letter concerning the Newsweek article. I hope others took out of it the messages that you have. As you note, it is very important both for a democratic society and for its clandestine service to understand the tensions you have described in your letter. Continuing discussion about them will, I believe, enhance that understanding.

I have passed on your comments to Russ. Now that the Iran/Contra Committees have finished their Report, he will soon be presenting his analysis to me for appropriate action.

It was nice to see you in San Francisco last summer. I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis at the Spring Meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence



Legal Department  
333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 1040  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

October 22, 1987

REFERENCE

Judge William Webster  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge:

I just finished reading a very fine article and interview in a recent issue of Newsweek about you and the Agency. I thought you did an outstanding job of being open and spelling out the issues with which the Agency is currently confronted. As you know too well, in a democracy like ours the fine line that covert and undercover work must take is a bile for most Americans because they neither understand it nor have a comfortable feeling or tolerance about "secrets" or secret activity existing in their government. And this is healthy as long as it is reasonable. No government, whether it be democratic or otherwise, can operate without clandestine operations and I think we have to face up to that and see it not only as a legitimate role of government but also a responsible way in which one must often deal with some of the intricate relationships with other countries.

With your stature, reputation, and leadership, the legitimacy and integrity of the CIA cannot but be helped, and hopefully, reestablished in the mind of the country.

I thought it was a nice comment in the article about Russ Bruemmer. It was good that he received this recognition and I think it reflects the real "humaness" that you have and which many in the government, after a time, too often lose.

Best of luck in this new benchmark in your career, Judge, and Godspeed.

Best Regards,

Robert E. L. Walker

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Director, Public Affairs

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7 October 1987

JUDGE:

RE: Newsweek Cover Story

You asked me to prepare a letter for your signature for Richard M. Smith  
Newsweek Editor-in-Chief to give him your reaction to the recent cover story  
on you. Attached is my recommended response.

Bill Baker

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Washington, D. C. 20505

16 October 1987

Mr. Richard M. Smith  
Newsweek Editor-in-Chief  
444 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Richard:

I enjoyed getting together with you, Maynard Parker and other senior Newsweek staffers at the home of Evan Thomas on Tuesday, September 29th. The evening's discussion provided an excellent opportunity for my first interview with one of our Nation's leading news publications.

I appreciated the clarity used by your writers in portraying the concepts for management and leadership at the Central Intelligence Agency that I conveyed to all of you over dinner and afterward in our lengthy discussion. I would be remiss if I just addressed the fine writing skills you have brought together at Newsweek. I want also to single out Wally McNamee whose skill in photography helped Babs and me to put our best faces forward.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William H. Webster".

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence

*The process was painless and I'm grateful for the result.*